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We convened in the new office of the United States mission to the CSC, which has been attractively decorated, at ten o'clock this morning. Bohlen from Moscow, Conant from Germany, Aldrich from London, Chapin from The Hague, Alger from Belgium, Luce from Italy, and the other Ambassadors who had arrived on Hughes' plane were present at the meeting, which was presided over by Livie Merchant. One or more assistants to most of the Ambassadors were also present. The talks ranged over a wide variety of topics.

Bohlen led off with an excellent presentation of the situation in Russia. He thinks Malenkov has firmly established his position at least for the time being as the real leader of the Government and does not anticipate any challenge to his authority by the Soviet military in the near future. Historically, the Russian military have never formed the habit of seizing or attempting to gain political leadership. Bohlen thinks, as does Joxe, that Malenkov believes it really necessary to ameliorate the standard of living of the Russian people and, although he will keep up external threats, he will not engage in deliberate aggression against the free Western world. Chip also believes the Soviet Government has decided to continue its strong support of the East German puppet regime and consequently there is little to be expected in a constructive way from a four-power meeting on the question of free elections leading to a unification of Germany.

There was a review by the other Ambassadors of conditions in their respective countries. The one where affairs are in the most unsatisfactory shape from an American foreign policy point of view appears to be Italy. Clare is convinced that nothing can be done there in the way of EDC ratification until a Trieste settlement has been negotiated.

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John Hughes spoke of the Annual Review and other NATO problems and Livie gave an excellent summary of Washington attitudes bearing upon European problems.

I harangued the gathering at great length on EDC and EPC.

I was host at a lunch to the U. S. Delegation, Dr. Bech, the Foreign Minister, and the members of the High Authority and the Court of Justice. It was held in the local Casino and seemed to pass off [redacted] well, perhaps because there were no speeches except a few brief remarks by myself in appreciation of Luxembourg hospitality and an observation on the interest with which the American Ambassadors regarded the fascinating enterprise - the first of a supranational character - represented by the CSC.

Tonight Monnet had a dinner at his house for the American Ambassadors and the members of the High Authority. I sat between Etzel and Coppé.

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